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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract appear on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 14 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 18 of this paper and include attached annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.